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THREAT OF

MR. ROYALL

TO RETIRE

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Viginia—Fair Saturday; Sunday rain,

weather in Richmond yesterday cool and bracing. The wind, at made walking disagreeable.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Richmond.

Counsel for defense sprinf surprise in insby sult by producing letter from the laintiff, giving Mr. Dawson full author, to haintife his affairs; Mr. Royall reatons to rotire, but after consultation ecides to remain in—Cornersione of the ew Beth Ahaba Synagogue laid with nposing Masonic ceremonles; eloquent ddress by Grund Master Davis.—State Mr. C. A. convention has a busy and interesting day, and elects Professor Kent resident—Miss Helon Gould writes a tter heartily commending the work of

North Carolina.

General.

Little change in situation in Far East; Japanese said to have landed 100,000 troops in Korea; unconfirmed report of battle, in which both sides alleged to have lost ships—President Smith, of the Mormon Church, admits that he preaches without practicing obedience to law—Agent Daverport, of the Anti-Boycott Association cicaires eight-bour law would take away the working man's liborties—Senator Gorman expected soon to withdraw from the presidential race, and Parker will be involto of Virginia delegation—President Larue, of a suspended savings bank, locks himself in room and commits sulcide—Panama commission to sail the 276—A compromise submitted as ultimatum, and the belief expressed that operators and miners will reach agreenent—Activity in New York market slightly stimulated, but no movement to break stagnation—Richmond one of the few cites to show an increase in bank dans southern tour, which embraced game will the lineral magnates arrange "three trip" schedule and adjourn—Odinhoma prairie fire costs three lives and damage amounting to a haif million dellars—Strike on Allantic Coast Line is declared off—Parthans may offer for vec-president—North Carolina man who rold his family—Severe earthquake in Peru.

STONE WAS LAID WITH MUCH POMP

Notable Occasion at New Beth Ahaba.

AN ADDRESS BY THE GRAND MASTER

Most Worshipful T. N. Davis the Orator for the

MASONS PARADE THROUGH THE WEST END STREETS

Large Attendance Was Present and the Imposing Ceremony Was Conducted Throughout Without a Hitch-The Weather Was Fine, But Very Cold.

noon witnessed the laying of the corner-

through the unfinished walls. Assisted

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JAPS LAND ARMY OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND



WINTER PALACE, WHERE CZAR CONFERS WITH HIS ADVISERS.

MISS GOULD

One From Her Read Last Night at the Y. M. C. A. Con-

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Dodge Thanked for University Gift-John R. Mott to Speak To-night.

Sould, the benefactor of the Y. M. C. A.,

the leads of the crowd, but could be the composition of the Corporation Commission to investigate the needs of the town for adequate depot facilities—George W. Vanderhild to resume his residence at Biltmore, and pay more attention to its management.

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Using Navy to Increase Facili-ties for Getting Big Force Ready for Land Fight.

ENGLAND NOT TO INTERFERE

Russians Feel Relieved After In terchange of Letters Between the King and Czar.

he far Eastern situation is reported this porning. It is apparent that the Japanes are busily engaged in transporting their forces into Korea, and this work is being

LANDING BIG ARMY.

Japan Said to Have Disembarked 100,000 Ready for Advance Into Korea.

(By Associated Press.)

troops in Kerea at Fusan and Chemulpo.

It is estimated that fully 190,000 men have disembarked and it is supposed that an immediate advance into northern Korea is contemplated.

From the fact that the Japanese fleet is thus employed, it is felt that no immediate attack upon Viadivostock or Port Arthur will be made. The reported land-turn of 550 Linguistics of Son Chin. Arthur will be made. The reported landing of 2,500 Japanese at Song Chin,

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MR. GORMAN WILL RETIRE

Will Declare His Preference for Judge Parker for President.

HEARST IS VERY

His Efforts to Secure Electoral Votes of Many States Causes Democrats to Move.

Hearst Active.

The active efforts which Mr. Hears is making to secure the electoral votes o work for Judge Parker. work for Judge Parker. I have not learned of a dozen members of the House who want to see Mr. Hearst nominated. Mr. Cheveland is the first cheice of many Democrats in Congress, but there are very few who think he could carry States which are reasonably certain to be Democrat if any other conservative Democrat is nominated.

Representative James Hay, of Virginia, is most unreservedly for Parker. He dis-

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CUT DEMAND IN TWO;

UNIQUE **ACCIDENT** TO TRAIN

Pullman Wrecked on the Sensation Sprung in the Florida Limited.

WILD CARS STRIKE SWITCH ENGINE

The Engineer Thrown Out, But Clings to Throttle, Throwing It Wide Open.

FREED ENGINE DASHES INTO STANDING TRAIN

The Crash Was a Terrific One and the Heavy Train Was Jumped Ten Feet-Engineer and Firemen of Both Engines Were Slightly Hurt.

the limited pulled into the station the This left the coaches standing alone

Critical Moment.

This seems to have been noticed by all

were slightly injured.

The train was delayed two hours be-fore it could proceed. The company will investigate the affair in an official way

VANDERBILT WILL RESIDE AT BILTMORE

McNamee to-day stat cease his management of the Biltmore estate in the early summer, when George W. Vanderbilt would return from Europe. Mr. McNames said Mr. Vanderbilt would resume his residence here and do would resume his residence here and do vote greater attention to the management of his estate. He said the estate was completed and his services were no longer required. He centinues in the Vanderbitt service as attorney, and will go in the summer to the State of Washington to attend to Vanderbilt interests there.

FOUND DEAD BY

SIDE OF TRACK

DRAMATIC SCENES CREATED BY LETTER Mr. H. M. Smith Played Sleeve Card, Which Astounded the Plaintiff.

Busby Suit.

AFTER CONFERENCE MR. ROYALL REMAINS

Busby Conspiracy Suit on Verge of Collapse and Fervid Appeal Made for Immediate Verdict for Defendants-Case to Proceed To-day-Plaintiff Under Heavy Fire.

This did not follow, however, and the

Fatal Letter Sprung.

to my only trouble, and feel sure my is my only trouble, and teel sure my assets will easily pay out all of my liabilities if they are not sacrificed, and I can get a reasonable extension. If would like to get an extension, if possible, as I don't have any desire to compromise with my creditors, prefer-ing to give up everything I have. "Very respectfully," J. H. BUSBY."

Looked Quite Panicky.
In a second, Mr. W. L. Royall, of counsel for plaintin, was on his feet. He

"May it please your Honor, I ask

"May it please your Honor, I ask that the trial of this case he suspended until to-morrow morning.
"This letter is entirely new to me, and I desire time in which to confer with my clients concerning it.
"I must have some satisfactory explanation of this document or I shall feel called upon retire from the case as counsel."

Mr. Smith projected, and he was fol

Was Thought to be Asleep and Na Attention Paid to Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWFORT NEWS, VA., blarch 4.—
Joseph N. Shipman, a telegraph operator, employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was found dead on the railroad track, just north of the city today. The body had been lying where found ever since yesterday, but as the weather was mild, and everybody thought the man sleeping, no attention was paid to him.

A cold wave struck the city last night and Shipman's sleep merged into death, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury. The man is said to have been drinking heavily recently. The body will be taken to Oak Ridge, Reison county, for interment.

His mother, three sisters and a brother survive.

Abandon Southern Tour.

(By Associated Press.)

(By As Exceptions Are Noted.

FIRE COST THREE LIVES AND HALF MILLION DAMAGE

ROAD MUST GIVE A BETTER SERVICE Corporation Commission So Or-

ders Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

The State Corporation Commission has issued an order requiring the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company to furnish greater facilities for carrying its passengers between Washington and Alexandria.

BUSINESS IS GOOD,
DESPITE LOW TEMPERATURE

(By Associated Fress.)

NIFW YORK, March 4.—R. G. Dun and Company's Week' last year.

Business continues to improve, despite the difficulty of low temperature and high prices. Wenther conditions have been singularly unpropitious, deep snow retarding distribution of merchandise, and excessive cold delaying the opening of spring trade and structural work. Yet trading distribution of merchandise, and excessive cold delaying the opening of spring trade and structural work. Yet trading distribution of merchandise, and excessive cold delaying the opening of spring trade and structural work. Yet along, and plans are submitted for numerous building operations.

Railway carnings for February were 2.2 per cent. less than last year, bad weather restricting traffic.

Failures this week in the United States are 26, against 229 the curresponding week last year.

CITY. TO FURNISH LIGHT FOR THE HALL

Report of Subcommittee to Supply Current From Water Works Adopted.

Works Adopted.

The Council proposes to change the method of lighting the City Hall when the present contract expires in May.

The joint Committee on Water and Grounds and Buildings met last night and received and adopted the following report of a subcommittee on the subject. "That the sum of 85,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for construction of pole line from water works plant at Reservoir Park, and supplying electric current and lights in the City Hall. That the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to secure the services of an export electrical engineer to furrish plans, specifications and estimate of cost for an electric plant, located at the old pump house."

At present the hall is lighted by contract, and the results are most unsatisfactory. It is believed that the Council will ultimately adopt the scheme proposed by the joint committee.

TAKES HIS LIFE **BECAUSE OF WORRY**

Bank Is Driven to

(By Associated Press.) SIOUX CITY, IOWA, March 4.-Frank L. Larue, president of the Corning State Savings Bank, now in the hands of a receiver, shot and killed himself this afterceiver, shot and killed himself this afternoon. The savings bank closed its doors
february 15th, and its affairs were found
to be badly tangled. The strain and worry preceding a failure had aftected Mr.
Larue both physically and mentally, and
he had been confined to the house for
ten days or more.

This afternoon he locked himself in the
bath room and shot himself in the
bath room and shot himself in the temple, death being instantaneous. He had
long been one of the leading business menor Corning.

of Corning.

A LONG RIDE FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Earthquake in Peru.

(By Associated Fress.)

LIMA, PERU March (-A tremendous earthquake occurred here at 5:20 this morning. Nothing comparable with it had been experienced during the last thirty years. The principal damage was caused by the cracking of the while of business and residential structures.

MAY AVERT STRIKE President of a Closed Sioux City Scale Proposed Which It Is Was Thought to be Asleep and

Thought Miners and Operators Will Agree Upon.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, AND., March 4.—The (By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. March 4.—The operators and miners' sub-scale committee to-day submitted what they said was their ultimatum, cutting their demand in half and asking for a two-year scale, at 'one-half of the twelve and a half per cent, advance in wages given last year." This would make a reduction of five cents a ton from the present scale, and a decrease in other labor of about six per cent. It is believed the offer of the operators will be accepted.

President Mitchell and F. L. Robbins said that a general joint session would be held to-morrow morning to receive the scale committee report. If the terms offered by the operators are accepted or but little changed, a scale will be signed to-morrow. The operators say 40-day that such a small reduction will practically make no change in the coal markets.

Absorder Southern Tour.